

Kadavu (വള്ളിവാട്ടം കടവു) (Road from Karupadanna to Vallivattom Kadavu) and connecting it with the road leading to Puvathum Kadavu (പുവത്തുംകടവു) (Road beginning from Konnaath Kunnu and leading to Puvathum Kadavu)?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): The road from Karupadanna to Vallivattom Kadavu is $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles in length out of which a length of 6 furlongs has already been improved and metalled. The remaining portion of this road will be improved when funds are available. The opening of a road from Vallivattom to Puvathum Kadavu does not seem to be an urgent necessity since communication is easier between Vallivattom and Puvathum Kadavu through backwater.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that it is with great risk that we cross the backwaters?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): It is not confined to that shore alone. I quite understand there is great risk. But we have undertaken other important works in the Kattur constituency. There is a road under construction which involves an expenditure of Rs. 3,500. We want to complete that before we take up other works.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): May I state, Sir, that the place called Vallivattom is quite uncivilised, having no tanks or wells, and there was even a murder case.

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): I have heard murder cases being committed in most civilised countries. But, all the same the hon'ble member may rest assured that our anxiety is to render as much service to the Panchayat as we can, but owing to paucity of funds, we are unable to undertake the work that we want to undertake.

WATER SUPPLY—EDATHIRINJI VILLAGE.

6. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (*Kattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state the steps taken by the Government till this day to provide drinking water to the people as well as cattle of Edathirinji village (എടതിരിഞ്ഞി)?

Dr. A. R. Menon (*Minister for Rural Development*): Four public wells—one near the Kakathuruthi ferry, one near the Muslim school, one at Marattikal and another in front of the village office—have already been sunk in Edathirinji village. There is no good public tank in the village, but proposals have been called for from the Panchayat for a new tank selecting a suitable site for it.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): Has it been brought to the notice of the Government that owing to absence of wells, there is not sufficient water to drink?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): This matter has been brought to the notice of the Government. I shall enquire into it and do the needful in the matter.

WATER SUPPLY—MADAYIKONAM VILLAGE.

7. Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has been brought to the kind notice of the Government that there is not sufficient water for purposes of drinking and bathing in the village of Madayikonam (മടയിക്കോണം);

(b) whether the Government has taken any steps to improve matters?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development):

(a) Yes.

(b) There are two public wells in the village—one near the Mapranam water-shed and another near the Mapranam School. The work of improving the tank in Sy. 804 of Madayikonam village at a cost of Rs. 1,450 has already been sanctioned by the Government to be taken up without delay.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): May I know when it is going to be constructed?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): Without delay. Already there is a tank in existence in Survey No. 804 at Madayikonam village and the improving of the tank at a cost of Rs. 1,450 has already been sanctioned by the Government and it will be taken up without delay.

Mr. Puthur Achyuta Menon (Kattur): May I know whether it is brought to the notice of the Government that there are two wells in the Madayikonam village and Mapranam village?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): I have no information about that.

Mr. Puthoor Achyuta Menon (Kattur): Does the Government realise that Madayikonam has not even one well?

Dr. A. R. Menon (Minister for Rural Development): According to necessity and population we can distribute these wells. It is very difficult to lay down a rule that each Desam must have a separate well.